



**DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING
TEMPORARY CAMPGROUND CLOSURES AT GOLD MINT TRAILHEAD/PARKING LOT
AND FISHHOOK TRAILHEAD/PARKING LOT IN THE HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA.**

ORDER NUMBER 320

Approved: *Ricky Gease*
Ricky Gease, Director

Date: *April 16, 2020*

In accordance with 11 AAC 12.335 and in order to promote the protection of health and safety for the public and implement appropriate management responsibilities, the area posted which encompasses the Gold Mint Trailhead Parking Lot and the Fishhook Trailhead Parking Lot and within a one half mile radius as posted by park personnel is closed to public assembly and for overnight camping. This closure will be lifted upon completion of the State of Alaska Health Mandates 011 and 012. The anticipated term of closure will be until May 15, 2020.

The closure will affect the following areas:

Hatcher Pass Management Area

- Gold Mint Trailhead / Parking Lot and Campground
- Fishhook Trailhead / Parking Lot and Campground
- **Note:** Sites are closed to all public assembly and overnight camping.
Day Use Parking and backcountry access is still allowed.

All Day Use Visitors must not loiter in the parking lot, and must maintain social/physical distancing mandates of at least 6 feet.

Background

Due to the health dangers associated with COVID-19. In addition, with limited existing staff the necessary remediation for disinfecting latrines and associated facilities within these areas will necessitate this overnight camping closure until risk of the spread of COVID-19 is deemed safe.

Decision

To protect the health and safety of the public and implement management responsibilities, the Gold Mint Trailhead Parking area and the Fishhook Trailhead Parking area will be temporarily closed to public assembly and for overnight camping until the hazardous conditions presented by the transmission of COVID-19 is reduced for the safety of the public. Under AAC 12.335 CLOSURE AND USE MANAGEMENT, section (e), no person may violate these use restrictions.

This decision takes effect immediately and will remain in effect until May 15, 2020 unless repealed.